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1. AS I WAS SEEING RABASA ON ANOTHER MATTER (MEXICALI SEWAGE DISPOSAL) I INFORMALLY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF MEXICO SUPPORT FOR SADAT DESPITE FACT THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD SEE RABASA A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER.

2. RABASA SAID THAT ALL OF MEXICO'S SYMPATHY IS WITH SADAT, CERTAINLY THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT TO EGYPT AND OTHER STATEMENTS BY ECHEVERRIA CONFIRMED THIS. HE WOULD LOOK FOR SOME OTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SOME FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT AS APPROPRIATE AND WOULD BASE THIS ON HIS FORTHCOMING CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SHAARAWI.

3. I STRESSED TO HIM THAT WHILE I HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SHAARAWI IT WAS REALLY HE WHO WOULD BE MAKING THE FORMAL APPROACH AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF OUR OWN FRIENDLY DISCUSSION WAS MERELY TO STRESS THAT ANY ACTION THAT MEXICO WOULD TAKE TO GIVE THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THAT SHAARAWI WOULD REQUEST WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY US ALSO.

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